



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

NELSON ROCKEFELLER

PART 1 OF 6

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OF INVESTIGATION

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS
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SUBJECT: NELSON ROCKEFELLER

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Los Angeles, California
May 31, 1943

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Director, FBI

Re: NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER

Dear Sir:

In an interview with [redacted] motion picture actor, a Special Agent of this office was advised that he attended a dinner on May 25th in Los Angeles, at which time NELSON ROCKEFELLER talked off the record and in a discussion of matters about sabotage, he reportedly stated that Nazi saboteurs are presently being trained in Argentina and that this training was in addition to the schools known to be established in Europe.

This is being submitted for the Bureau's information, and the accuracy of the statement is not, of course, known to this office.

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Letter check with Rockefeller

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Jones
Mr. Mumford
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.**

CCM:RMB

June 10, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Reference is made to the letter from the Los Angeles Office dated May 31, 1943, concerning a statement made by Nelson A. Rockefeller concerning Nazi saboteurs being trained at schools in Argentina, which schools are in addition to those known to be established in Europe. This information was obtained by an Agent from [redacted] a motion picture actor, who said that this statement was made at a dinner attended by Rockefeller and himself on May 25th in Los Angeles.

Mr. Rockefeller has advised he has never made such a statement. He believes that this statement was the result of a misinterpretation of remarks made by him regarding schools in Argentina operated by Nazis. It was explained that there are approximately 800 schools so operated in Argentina. These consist of German faculties and persons of German nationality in administrative positions. The schools are regular educational institutions and are not operated for the training of saboteurs.

It was also believed that this remark concerning the schools, coupled with remarks made on subversive activities which have been carried out in Argentina, might have led the Bureau's informant to believe that such activities were instigated at saboteurs' schools.

Mr. Rockefeller's opinion in this regard was obtained through [redacted] Administrative Counsel, CIAA, who stated Mr. Rockefeller advised him that if such schools did exist, this Bureau would be the first ones to be advised.

Respectfully,

J. E. C. Barton

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Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
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Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
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Miss Beahm _____
Miss Gandy _____

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June 30, 1943

SAC, Los Angeles

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Alleged Sabotage Schools in Argentina,
Nelson A. Rockefeller, Informant; SABOTAGE.

Reference is made to a letter from your office to the Bureau dated May
21, 1943, bearing the caption "Nelson A. Rockefeller."

Mr. Tolson You are advised that inquiry has been made of Mr. Rockefeller in Washington
Mr. E. A. Tamm and it was learned that he believes the statement attributed to him by [redacted]
Mr. Clegg was the result of a misinterpretation of remarks made by him regarding schools in
Mr. Glavin Argentina operated by Nazis. Mr. Rockefeller believed that his remarks concerning
Mr. Ladd the schools were coupled with his remarks about subversive activities in Argentina
Mr. Nichols that the impression was gained that saboteurs were being trained in Argentina.
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Hendon
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Mumford
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
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It was pointed out that if sabotage schools of this nature existed in
Argentina, Mr. Rockefeller would immediately notify the Bureau. This
material is being furnished to you for your information.

Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

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November 10, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAYLOR

Will you please make arrangements for having the home telephone of Mr. Nelson Rockefeller technically checked once a month. Mr. Rockefeller made this request of me yesterday.

Very truly yours

J. Edgar Hoover
J. Edgar Hoover
Director

SENT FROM D. O.
TIME 9:50 am
DATE 11-11-43
BY *mlh*

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November 10, 1943

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Honorable Nelson A. Rockefeller
Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs
Department of Commerce Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rockefeller:

I am inclosing herewith, for your information, a copy of the new directive issued to me by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

I have also arranged to have a check made regularly at your home about the matter which we discussed last evening.

It was indeed grand to see you, and I was so happy to have the opportunity of meeting Mrs. Rockefeller.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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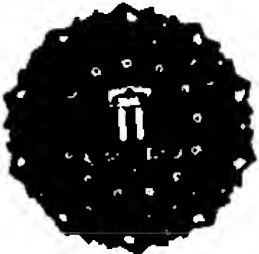
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TIME 1:50 am
DATE 11-11-43
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E. A. Tamm
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR




JAM:AM

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.**

November 16, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM
Room 5734

 completed the check of the telephones
of Mr. Nelson Rockefeller's office and residence today and
found everything in order.

Respectfully,


E. P. Coffey

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LETTER PREPARED TO ROCKEFELLER



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Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Carson	_____
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Mr. Mumford	_____
Mr. Piper	_____
Mr. Starke	_____
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Mr. William A. Ruckelshaus
Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs
Commerce Department Building
Washington, D. C.

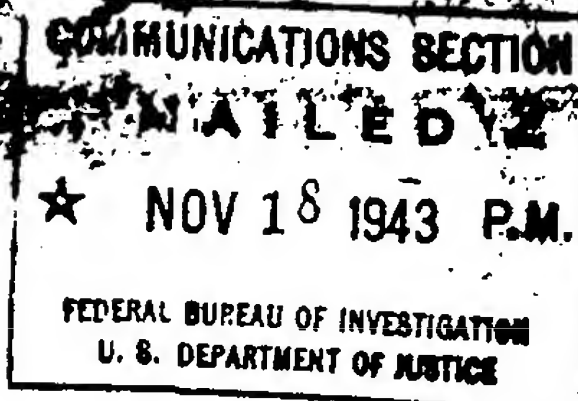
Dear Sir:

In connection with our recent conversation concerning your telephone, I have had a complete check made of the lines and instruments at your residence, as well as those at your office. Everything was found to be in order.

It was a pleasure to be of aid to you in this matter.

Sincerely,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Kramer _____
Mr. McGuire _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____



cc - Mr. Tolson

Nelson A. Rockefeller
Washington, D. C.

November 13, 1943

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Acers	✓
Mr. Carson	✓
Mr. Hendon	✓
Mr. Mumford	✓
Mr. Starke	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Dear Edgar:

Your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of the new directive issued to OSS by the Joint Chiefs of Staff together with your confidential note of the tenth is greatly appreciated. *62-72612-4*

I saw Mr. [redacted] yesterday and want to take this opportunity to thank you again for your kindness in connection with that matter.

Warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

Nelson
Nelson A. Rockefeller

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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December 21, 1943

Mr. Nelson A. Rockefeller
Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs
Department of Commerce Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

I arranged to have another check
made of the telephones at your home and
office this month. This has been completed
and all lines are found to be clear and in
a satisfactory condition.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Nelson A. Rockefeller
Washington, D. C.

December 27, 1943

Dear Edgar:

Many thanks for your kindness
in connection with the phone check as
per your letter of December twenty-first.

Personal regards and best

wishes,

Sincerely,

Nelson A. Rockefeller
Nelson A. Rockefeller

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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February 11, 1944

Mr. Nelson P. Rockefeller
Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs
Department of Commerce Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

The monthly check of all terminal appearances
of the telephones at your home and office has been completed.
All lines were found to be clear and in a satisfactory condition.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
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Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Mumford
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

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Nelson A. Rockefeller
Washington, D. C.

January 17, 1944

Dear Edgar:

Many thanks for your note of
the twelfth. Your thoughtfulness in this
connection is greatly appreciated.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Nelson
Nelson A. Rockefeller

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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March 11, 1944

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Mr. Nelson A. Rockefeller
Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs
Department of Commerce Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

The monthly check of all terminal appearances
of the telephones at your home and office has been completed.
All lines were found to be clear and in a satisfactory condition.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
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Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
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April 13, 1944

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Mr. Nelson A. Rockefeller
Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs
Department of Commerce Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

The monthly check of all terminal appearances of
the telephones at your home and office has been completed.
All lines were found to be clear and in a satisfactory condition.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. McGuire _____
Mr. Mumford _____
Mr. Piper _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

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May 13, 1944

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Nelson A. Rockefeller
Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs
Department of Commerce Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

The monthly check of all terminal appearances of
the telephones at your home and office has been completed.
All lines were found to be clear and in a satisfactory condition.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. Nease _____
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Nelson A. Rockefeller
Washington, D.C.

May 20, 1944

Dear Edgar:

Many thanks for your note of the
thirteenth. Your cooperation in this matter
is appreciated a great deal.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
Mr. Clegg ✓
Mr. Coffey ✓
Mr. Glavin ✓
Mr. Ladd ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tracy ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Carson ✓
Mr. Heaton ✓
Mr. Mumford ✓
Mr. Jones ✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓
Mr. Nease ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. COFF

DATE: May 22, 1944

FROM : MR. LONG

SUBJECT:

RE: CHECK OF TELEPHONE TERMINALS

As you know, monthly checks are made of the terminal appearances of the telephones at the homes and offices of certain individuals including Nelson Rockefeller, the Attorney General, etc., for the purpose of determining whether there is at that time or any indication that there has been a tapping of these telephones.

I have checked into this matter and I find that all of these checks are being made between the 1st and the 14th of each month. Therefore, it can be seen that it would be possible for someone to tap these telephones for the last two weeks of each month and then remove the taps without being discovered unless some evidence were left at the scene.

This would appear to be rather undesirable if our checks are to be thorough, and it would be my suggestion that these checks be staggered even more than they are at the present. For example, a check might be made of Mr. Rockefeller's telephones the 8th of the month, then we might go back on the 13th of the month, etc.

Suggestion OK, but security would have to be maintained

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Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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Mr. Gurnea _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Mumford _____
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Miss Gandy _____

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June 29, 1944

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Mr. Nelson A. Rockefeller
Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs
Department of Commerce Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

The monthly check of all terminal appearances of
the telephones at your home and office has been completed. All
lines were found to be clear and in a satisfactory condition.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
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Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Coffey
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Holloman
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

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July 22, 1944

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Mr. Nelson A. Rockefeller
Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs
Department of Commerce Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

The monthly check of all terminal appearances of
the telephones at your home and office has been completed. All
lines were found to be clear and in a satisfactory condition.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Rosen
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Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Hendon
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Mr. Nelson A. Rockefeller
Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs
Department of Commerce Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

As of possible interest to you, there is transmitted herewith a copy of a monograph prepared concerning Guatemala.

The information contained therein has been compiled from data based on reports received from confidential and reliable sources.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

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August 21, 1944

Mr. Nelson A. Rockefeller
Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs
Department of Commerce Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The monthly check of all terminal appearances of
the telephones at your home and office has been completed. All
lines were found to be clear and in a satisfactory condition.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
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Mr. Jones
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

August 23, 1944

Dear Edgar:

Thanks very much for your note of the twenty-first concerning the monthly check on my home and office telephones.

I greatly appreciate your continued cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Nelson A. Rockefeller
Nelson A. Rockefeller

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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September 23, 1944

Mr. Nelson A. Rockefeller
Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs
Department of Commerce Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

The monthly check of all terminal appearances at
the telephones at your home and office has been completed. All
lines were found to be clear and in a satisfactory condition.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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Nelson A. Rockefeller
Washington, D. C.

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September 26, 1944

Dear Edgar:

Thanks very much for your note of
the twenty-fifth concerning the monthly
of telephones.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Nelson A. Rockefeller
Nelson A. Rockefeller

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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October 24, 1944

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Mr. Nelson A. Rockefeller
Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs
Department of Commerce Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

The monthly check of all terminal appearances of
the telephones at your home and office has been completed. All
lines were found to be clear and in a satisfactory condition.

Sincerely yours,

AS [Signature]

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Mr. Tolson _____
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Miss Gandy _____

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Nelson A. Rockefeller
Washington, D. C.

October 27, 1944

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
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Mr. Coffey	
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Mr. Jones	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

Dear Edgar:

Many thanks for your thoughtful
note of the twenty-fourth concerning the
monthly check on telephones.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Nelson A. Rockefeller
Nelson A. Rockefeller

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Nelson A. Rockefeller
Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs
Department of Commerce Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

The monthly check of all physical appearances of
the telephones at your home and office has been completed. All
lines were found to be clear and in a satisfactory condition.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. McGuire _____
Mr. Holloman _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____

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Nelson A. Rockefeller
Washington, D. C.

November 23, 1944

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In Mr. Rockefeller's absence, may I
acknowledge your letter of the twentieth.

This will be brought to his atten-
tion upon his return to this country the
early part of December.

Yours truly,

Secretary

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

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December 9, 1944

Honorable Nelson A. Rockefeller
Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs
Department of Commerce Building
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Rockefeller; Rockefeller;

It was a real pleasure to learn of
your designation as Assistant Secretary of State.
State Department. All of us in the FBI were
happy to receive this news and I wanted to let
you know that we are looking forward to those
occasions when you might call upon us to be
of some service. It is my sincere wish that
your efforts will meet with genuine success in
your new position.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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51 DEC 1944

Nelson A. Rockefeller
Washington, D. C.

December 15, 1944

Dear Edgar;

Thanks very much for your nice note of the ninth. It was typical of your thoughtfulness and I appreciated it greatly.

I can't tell you what the association with you in the past has meant to me and I am looking forward to working even more closely with you in the future.

With very best wishes,

Sincerely,

Nelson A. Rockefeller

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	

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December 27, 1944

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Nelson A. Rockefeller
Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs
Department of Commerce Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

The monthly check of all terminal appearances of
the telephones at your home and office has been completed. All
lines were found to be clear and in a satisfactory condition.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
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Mr. Tracy _____
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Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. McGuire _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Tamm _____

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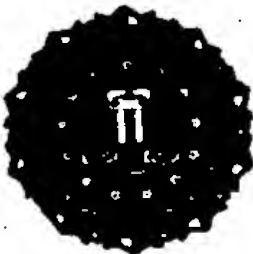
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

January 10, 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

Reference is made to the attached memorandum from Supervisor [redacted] to Mr. Coffey dated December 22, 1944, concerning the monthly security check of the residence and office of Mr. Nelson Rockefeller, Assistant Secretary of State.

Pursuant to instructions, Mr. Roach inquired of [redacted] of the State Department whether Mr. Rockefeller desired that his new offices at the State Department be checked each month as had been done in the past while he was officed in the Commerce Building. [redacted] stated that he was of the opinion that the check should not be made of Mr. Rockefeller's office in the State Department inasmuch as it would undoubtedly become known to the other Assistant Secretaries of State and they, too, would request the Bureau to make monthly security surveys of their offices. Notwithstanding this, however, he stated that he had discussed the matter with Mr. Rockefeller and that Mr. Rockefeller indicated a desire that the check of his new offices be continued as in the past.

Respectfully,

S. S. Alden

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Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
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Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Coffey ✓
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Kramer _____
Mr. McGuire _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Beahm _____
Miss Gandy _____

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
December 22, 1944

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CORTIS
Re: Monthly Security Check
Nelson A. Rockefeller

In connection with the monthly security check of the office and residence of Nelson A. Rockefeller, formerly Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, information is desired whether the checks shall be continued in view of the new position which Mr. Rockefeller now holds as an Assistant Secretary of State under Mr. Edward R. Stettinius.

Respectfully,

[Redacted signature block]

- Mr. M
- Mr. Mr.
- Mr. Mr.
- Mr. G
- Mr. La
- Mr. Nic
- Mr. Rose
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Mumford
- Mr. Piper
- Mr. Starke
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Beahm



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Nelson A. Rockefeller
Washington, D. C.

January 9, 1945

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Carson	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Hendon	✓
Mr. Pennington	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Mr. Nease	✓

[Redacted]

Dear Edgar:

Thanks very much for your letter of December twenty-seventh regarding the phone check. It is thoughtful of you to let me know each month.

With personal regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,

Nelson A. Rockefeller
Nelson A. Rockefeller

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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OFFICE OF THE CIVIL ATTACHE
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
MEXICO CITY

January 15, 1945

Director, FBI

Re: ⁰ NELSON ROCKEFELLER
ADMINISTRATIVE

Dear Sir:

During a recent conversation with Mr. Raleigh A. Gibson, First Secretary of the Embassy, he stated that Mr. Nelson Rockefeller would probably visit Mexico during the middle of February, 1945.

This is being supplied for the Bureau's information and it is suggested that the Bureau might desire to discuss with Mr. Rockefeller the relationship that exists between this office and the Ambassador prior to his departure from Washington.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Wall, Jr.
ROBERT W. WALL, JR.
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

January 13, 1945

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Gurnea	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Hendon	✓
Mr. Pennington	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Dear Edgar:

The reports and memoranda, which you have been sending to me at the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, have been of the greatest assistance to me and to that Office.

I very much hope that you can continue to send them and, if so, would appreciate your addressing them to Victor G. Borrelli, Executive Director, Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, Department of Commerce Building.

With many thanks and best wishes,

Sincerely,

Nelson A. Rockefeller
Nelson A. Rockefeller
Assistant Secretary

*Commendation

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

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January 31, 1945

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPECIAL DELIVERY

Honorable Nelson A. Rockefeller
Assistant Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

The monthly check of all terminal appearances of
the telephones at your home and office has been completed. All
lines were found to be clear and in a satisfactory condition.

Sincerely yours,

W. MARK MOHR

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
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Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MR. LADD

DATE:

12/15/44

MR. STRICKLAND

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Nelson A. Rockefeller

Pursuant to your request, there is attached a summary of the information contained in the Bureau's files concerning Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller.

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December 15, 1944

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

Nelson Rockefeller was born in Bar Harbor, Maine, in 1908, one of six children of Abby Greene (Aldrich) and John Davison Rockefeller, Jr. From his maternal grandfather, Senator Nelson W. Aldrich of Rhode Island, he took his name. At Dartmouth, which he entered in 1927, he distinguished himself sufficiently to obtain a Phi Beta Kappa key and a special fellowship, enabling him to spend his senior year abroad studying music, painting, sculpturing, and architecture. Much of this time he spent in India "where he had a long chat with Mahatma Gandhi....." Upon graduation from Dartmouth in 1930 with an A.B. Degree, Rockefeller married Mary Todhunter Clark, the daughter of a Philadelphia attorney, and set off on a world cruise that same year. Of this marriage were born five children. Until he left for Washington, the Nelson Rockefellers lived in Pocantico Hills, near Tarrytown, New York.

For a year Rockefeller worked at the Chase National Bank in New York City where his uncle, Winthrop Aldrich, is the President. He thereafter became a Director of Rockefeller Center in 1931 and in 1937 was elected President of the Center. It is to be noted that during his early days at Rockefeller Center he had occasion to inform the Mexican muralist, Diego Rivera, that his portrait of Lenin did not fit into the scheme of things at the Center and would have to be removed from the murals which Rivera was painting for the buildings.

In addition to his New York interests, Rockefeller has been Director of several South American enterprises, among them being the Creole Petroleum Corporation, a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey which has large holdings in Venezuela.

With his many business activities, Rockefeller has, since his college days, combined a "careful and diligent trusteeship in the Museum of Modern Art of which his mother was a founder." In May of 1939 he became the Museum's President which he relinquished to John Hay Whitney, Chairman of the Museum's Film Library. In August of 1940 he was appointed "Coordinator of Commercial and Cultural Relations Between the American Republics" as a "dollar a year man." In order to devote all his time to his new position he immediately resigned as Director of several South American enterprises and obtained leave of absence as President of the Rockefeller Center, Incorporated.

RELATIONSHIP WITH BUREAU

Mr. Rockefeller has never been a subject of a Bureau investigation. However, the Bureau files are replete with references concerning his activities

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as Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs which are not being digested for this memorandum. Our files indicate that a cordial relationship has existed between Mr. Rockefeller and the Bureau. At the present time and for sometime past Bureau technicians have been examining Rockefeller's telephone equipment to assure that it is free from wire taps. From time to time the Bureau has forwarded to Rockefeller memoranda and reports of an intelligence nature of interest to him as Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs. The Bureau has, in addition, sent to him copies of the monthly intelligence survey summaries since the inception of this program.

In November of 1942, Nelson A. Rockefeller wrote to the Bureau as follows: "We appreciate the cooperation evidenced by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the dissemination of information and want to assure you that we are ready to collaborate with you in any matters where we can be of assistance."

PROXIMITY TO BUREAU'S JURISDICTION IN LATIN AMERICA

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By report dated June 29, 1942, one of our SIS Agents advised that one [REDACTED] of the Rockefeller Committee advised that he was in San Jose primarily to render a careful report to his boss, Nelson Rockefeller, concerning the United States Legations he visited, [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED]

In November of 1942, information was received from the El Paso Office that the Nelson Rockefeller Regional Committee in the State of Chihuahua, Mexico, had been securing and coordinating information of an intelligence nature and had been reporting same to the American Consulate.


COMMUNIST REFERENCES

The New Leader, the official publication of the Social Democratic Federation, composed of a group of anti-Communist liberals, in its issue for November 9, 1940, pointed out that Nelson Rockefeller permitted one Jay Leyda to be one of the Directors of the Film Library of the Museum of Modern Art. In this article, Jay Leyda was referred to as a former employee of Moscow's Bureau of International Revolutionary Literature. One Richard Griffith was listed as the successor to Jay Leyda of whom the New Leader states "..... a close friend and collaborator of Leyda. Griffith is a contributor to Leyda's

magazine 'Film' which closely follows what the Soviet Intelligencia considers a 'line'. Mr. Griffith was a member and one of the chief publicity agents of the Communist controlled Association of Documentary Film Producers."

The New Leader, in its issue for October 4, 1941, states "..... despite repeated warning, Nelson A. Rockefeller has permitted Jay Leyda, Moscow trained film expert, to immerge as a producer of cultural messages for showing south of the border."

The Daily Worker for July 29, 1943, listed Nelson Rockefeller as being among the sponsors of a "Youth for Victory" conference in Mexico City.



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Nelson A. Rockefeller
Washington, D.C.

February 2, 1945

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Carson	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Hendon	✓
Mr. Pennington	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Dear Edgar:

Thanks very much for your note of the thirty-first of January.

It means a great deal to know that this is being taken care of and I appreciate your thoughtfulness in having arranged that this service be continued in the Department in the same way as it was in the Commerce Building.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Nelson A. Rockefeller
Nelson A. Rockefeller

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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February 20, 1945

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPECIAL DELIVERY

Honorable Nelson A. Rockefeller
Assistant Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

The monthly check of all terminal appearances
of the telephones at your home and office has been completed.
All lines were found to be clear and in a satisfactory
condition.

Sincerely yours,

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
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Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

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April 2, 1945

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Honorable Nelson A. Rockefeller
Assistant Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

The monthly check of all terminal appearances
of the telephones at your home and office has been completed.
All lines were found to be clear and in a satisfactory
condition.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

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Nelson A. Rockefeller
Washington, D.C.

April 3, 1945

Dear Edgar:

Thank you ever so much for your thoughtful letter of the second. I want to tell you again how much I appreciate your continuing to check this matter each month.

With very best wishes,

Sincerely,

Edgar

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Tolson	<i>[initials]</i>
Mr. E. A. Tamm	<i>[initials]</i>
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	<i>[initials]</i>
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
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Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

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ADDRESS OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE TO
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

May 5, 1945

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In Mr. Rockefeller's absence from the city, may I
acknowledge your letter of May second. This will be
brought to Mr. Rockefeller's attention upon his return
to the office.

Sincerely,


Secretary to
Nelson A. Rockefeller

The Honorable
J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.



60 MAY 16 1945

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Hendon	
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Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

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May 2, 1945

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPECIAL DELIVERY

Honorable Nelson A. Rockefeller
Assistant Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

The monthly check of all terminal appearances
of the telephones at your home and office has been completed.
All lines were found to be clear and in a satisfactory
condition.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

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June 30, 1945

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Honorable Nelson A. Rockefeller
Assistant Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

The monthly check of all terminal appearances
of the telephones at your home and office has been completed.
All lines were found to be clear and in a satisfactory
condition.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

July 3, 1945

Dear Edgar:

Thanks very much for your note of the
thirtieth regarding the telephone check.

As always, I'm grateful for your watch-
fulness.

Sincerely,

Nelson A. Rockefeller
Nelson A. Rockefeller

The Honorable
J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

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August 27, 1945

Honorable Nelson A. Rockefeller
2500 Foxhall Road, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

I was very sorry to learn
of your resignation as Assistant
Secretary of State on August 26, 1945,
and I did want to take this opportunity
to let you know how much we of the FBI
have enjoyed our many contacts with you.
It is my sincere hope that in your future
activities you will meet with continued
success and if ever my associates or I
might be of any service please do not
hesitate to call upon us.

With best wishes and kind re-
gards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE:

Ambassador Spruille Braden is going to
replace Nelson Rockefeller but inasmuch
as he hasn't as yet been sworn into
new position as Assistant Secretary of
State, it is deemed inadvisable to
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Handwritten date: AUG 28 AM '45

Argentine Envoy May Be Recalled

Argentine Ambassador Garcia awaited "instructions" from Buenos Aires last night as a result of the latest flareup in United States-Argentine relations. There was speculation in Latin American diplomatic circles that he may be recalled.

It was understood, meanwhile, that Nelson Rockefeller, who resigned as assistant Secretary of State on Saturday, probably would continue to devote his activities to private organizations interested in fostering inter-American relations.

[The Argentine Foreign Office said it would reply today to Rockefeller's charge that Argentina had failed in her obligations.]

The replacement of Rockefeller in the State Department by Ambassador to Argentina Spruille Braden, following close on the heels of Rockefeller's "strong" speech criticizing Argentina, caused well-informed Latin American sources here to express the opinion that Ambassador Garcia would be recalled soon for "consultation."

The forthcoming Rio de Janeiro conference, scheduled to begin October 20, to redraft the Chapultepec document into a peacetime instrument, will be held according to plan, it was understood, even though it is conceivable that Argentina might decline to attend as the result of the latest break in continental solidarity.

There was some speculation that the conference agenda might be expanded to include other hemispheric problems brought on by mounting tension between Argentina and the United States.

*Letter to Rockefeller
8/15/55
Hansen*

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ENCLOSURE

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Nelson A. Rockefeller

September 7, 1943

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In Mr. Rockefeller's absence I should like to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August twenty-seventh which has just been forwarded from Washington.

At the present time Mr. Rockefeller is in Maine, but your letter will be brought immediately to his attention upon his return to New York the end of next week.

Sincerely yours,
[Redacted Signature]
Secretary

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

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Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, N.Y.

Room 5000

September 19, 1945

Dear Edgar:

I found your very friendly letter of August twenty-seventh when I got back to New York after a few days in Maine.

Few men in public life have so completely won the respect and admiration of the American people as have you. I can easily understand why in the light of the association of the past five years with you and the F.B.I. and the opportunity I have had of knowing you and working with your organization.

Your generous cooperation at all times meant a great deal to me, and I look forward to the continuation of a friendship which I value highly.

With personal regards, and again many thanks,

Sincerely,

Nelson A. Rockefeller
Nelson A. Rockefeller

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

FROM : J. E. MURPHY

DATE: November 16, 1945

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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ASAC Belmont called from New York with regard to Mr. Conroy's conversation with me yesterday concerning his interview with Nelson Rockefeller. Mr. Belmont stated they interviewed [REDACTED] this afternoon and learned the incident was not exactly as it was first reported to them. [REDACTED] stated that on the evening of November 8, 1945, at 7:20 PM, while he was driving Mrs. Rockefeller's Ford Roadster on his way from New York to their estate at Farreytown, New York, he stopped for a red light just after he passed the George Washington Bridge on the West Side Highway. It was dark and there was considerable traffic and when he started after the light turned green, a car drew up beside him and the driver asked him whose car it was. He replied, "Why?" and the unknown party said, "Well, whose car is it?" When he replied it was his car, the other driver said it looked like the Rockefeller car, and the chauffeur again replied it was his. At that point, the other driver turned a flashlight on his face. The chauffeur did not have his chauffeur's hat on. He again said, "My name is Smith and if you want to look at any papers I can prove it." The other driver stated again it looked like the Rockefeller car and drove on with the traffic. [REDACTED] said he followed the car. It was black, possibly a Buick, and he did not believe it had any license numbers. There were two men in front and one in the back but [REDACTED] had not seen them to describe them since it was dark. He said they did not seem to be rough characters. He followed the car to Dightman (phonetic) Street, where it turned off. He asked a police officer on the corner if he had seen the car and the officer said no but he said he does see cars without license plates since there were dealers in that neighborhood. The chauffeur stated he takes the children to the estate from NYC on Saturday mornings and they stay usually until Sunday afternoon, when Mr. Rockefeller usually brings them back. [REDACTED] stated that frankly it looked to him like there was unnecessary alarm.

They inquired of [REDACTED] regarding the maid and he stated she had told the doorman she had gotten this call, but he only knew of it by second or third hand. Mr. Rockefeller has not as yet called Mr. Conroy about the name and address of the maid.

[REDACTED] mentioned another episode to the effect that some days ago at the estate a Negro woman driving a car wanted to drive through the estate and the guard told her no. She replied, "Well, you let the Jews through here, why don't you let me?" and then drove off. Mr. Belmont stated this probably occurs often.

The maid will be interviewed as soon as Rockefeller furnishes her name.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : J. E. BOD
MR. D. V. [initials]
FROM : J. E. MUMFORD
SUBJECT:

DATE: November 20, 1945

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SAC Conroy called from New York in connection with my telephone conversation of November 16, 1945, regarding the alleged Rockefeller kidnaping threat, in which Mr. Belmont stated the maid would be interviewed as soon as Rockefeller furnishes her name and address. Mr. Conroy advised that Rockefeller had told him he would call him, Conroy, personally regarding the maid's name and address as he did not want his secretary or anyone else in the office to know about this; that, since Rockefeller had not yet called him, Conroy called Rockefeller today and learned he is out of the city and will not be back until after December 3. Mr. Conroy stated that since there does not seem to be anything else they can do until after they talk to the maid, they will submit the information they have to date to the Bureau in letter form. He stated he did not believe they should talk to the gatekeeper at the estate until they had discussed this with Rockefeller and interviewed the maid. I suggested that after they interview the maid they will probably contact Rockefeller and give him the results of the interview and they might then mention interviewing the gatekeeper to him.

Mr. Conroy stated Mr. Rockefeller had asked for some recommendations for safeguards, and he inquired as to suggesting to Rockefeller he have the children fingerprinted and advising Rockefeller he may keep the prints in his own file if he desires. I told Mr. Conroy I could see no objection to this.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

The attached letter summarizes Conroy's recent interview with Nelson Rockefeller relative to a possible kidnapping threat. It does not appear that any further action is necessary upon this information at this time unless and until Mr. Rockefeller furnishes the name of a maid who allegedly received a rather mysterious telephone call.

Respectfully,

Edw. A. Tamm

Attachment

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, 7, New York**



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. AHB:Yod

November 26th, 1945

Director, FBI

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Nelson Rockefeller, Informant;
Possible Kidnapping Threat

Dear Sir:

In accordance with instructions given by Mr. Tamm, I personally interviewed Mr. NELSON ROCKEFELLER on the afternoon of November 15th, 1945 relative to information in his possession which inspired his call to the Director on November 13th.

Mr. Rockefeller advised that within the last few days they have had two incidents take place which might or might not be connected with each other and which reflected a possible kidnapping threat.

He stated that the ROCKEFELLERS live at 810 Fifth Avenue and have five children between the ages of about five and fourteen.

The chauffeur who drives the children was stopped within the last few days on the Henry Hudson Highway by two men in an automobile having no license plates on it. One of these men asked the chauffeur, [redacted] whether it was the ROCKEFELLERS' car. The chauffeur denied this and stated that the car belonged to him and that his name was SMITH. Apparently the chauffeur had talked to a New York City policeman, who said he had seen this car with no license plates but apparently he had taken no action. b7c

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The other incident related by Mr. ROCKEFELLER was in connection with a maid, name unknown, who was called to the telephone within the last three or four days and heard bantering back and forth over the telephone which sounded like a radio program having to do with police and the fact that police had been called into a case. A short time later she was supposed to have received a telephone call from some person who said, "You can see what happens when you call the police." The maid became extremely nervous after this call and left her position.

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Arrangements were made by me to have the chauffeur, [redacted] come to the office on the morning of November 16th in order that he might be interviewed in detail as to what had taken place. b7c

Mr. ROCKEFELLER advised that he would call me personally as to the name and address of the maid in order that she might be interviewed discreetly.

With regard to the question of Bureau policy, I told Mr. ROCKEFELLER that we were intensely interested in anything that had any possibility of having to do with a kidnapping and that he should present to us immediately any information which he saw or heard, no matter how frivolous it might be, in order that we might be able to check and evaluate it. I advised him that we very definitely appreciated having our attention called to these two items, which might or might not have significance.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER asked whether any more precautions might be taken. I said very definitely that the Bureau could not adopt any policy of establishing guards and he advised that he understood that thoroughly and did not expect anything of the kind. I told him we would be in a better position to evaluate what might be done after we had talked to the chauffeur and the maid.

I did not discuss the possibility of fingerprinting the children with him at this time as this might be done later should it be deemed feasible.

On the morning of November 16th, 1945 the chauffeur, [redacted] who resides at the ROCKEFELLER estate "Pocantico", Tarrytown, New York, was interviewed at the New York Office by Assistant Special Agent in Charge A. H. Belmont and Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted].

b7c [redacted] has been employed since September 1945 as a chauffeur for Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Prior to that time he was employed as a gardener on the ROCKEFELLER estate for the past three years and before that was employed by a [redacted] whom he described as being the president of the West Virginia Paper Pulp Company. He was employed by [redacted] for a number of years.

[redacted] advised that on November 8th, 1945, at about 7:20 p.m., he was returning via the Henry Hudson Parkway to the ROCKEFELLER estate at Tarrytown in Mrs. ROCKEFELLER's personal car, a maroon Ford roadster. He left the ROCKEFELLER's city

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apartment and proceeded to the Parkway via the 72nd Street entrance. After passing beneath the George Washington Bridge, he was halted at a stoplight just north of the Cloisters. As the traffic began to move with the change of the light, a car containing three men approached along the left side of his car.

The individual in the front seat with the driver spoke to [redacted] saying "Hey, bud, whose car is that?" The resulting conversation was as follows:

Unknown party: Well, whose car is it?

Chauffeur: Mine.

Unknown party: Looks like the ROCKEFELLER car.

Chauffeur: No, it's mine.

At this point the individual turned a flashlight into [redacted]'s face. At the same time HORTON stated, "My name is SMITH and if you want anything, I can prove it."

Unknown party: Well, it looks like the ROCKEFELLER car. OK.

The unknown car then drove away.

According to [redacted] this car did not have a license but appeared to him to be a 1940 Buick, possibly dark green in color, with two outstanding tail lights down on the bumper. The car contained three men, the driver and the individual who did the talking in the front seat, and another man in the rear seat. [redacted] was unable to describe any of the three men as it was dark, but stated that the man's voice was without accent, he spoke in a normal tone, and the voice was not of the type that would create any suspicion of a "rough character".

[redacted] stated that he was alone in the car at the time and was bareheaded as his chauffeur's cap was in the back seat. The incident occurred just south of the Dyckman Street exit on the Parkway.

[redacted] attempted to follow the car and noted that it turned from the Parkway into the Dyckman Street exit. [redacted] proceeded in the same direction to the intersection of Dyckman and Broadway, where he observed a patrolman. He questioned the patrolman regarding any observation on his part of an automobile without licenses. The patrolman stated that he has frequently observed unlicensed cars in the vicinity but attributed this to the fact that there were automobile dealers in the neighborhood who followed the practice of driving without tags. The patrolman

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further advised him that he did not notice a car without plate at this particular time, and therefore it appears he did not notice the car driven by the unknown individuals.

Although [redacted] at the time of this incident was driving Mrs. ROCKEFELLER's personal car at her request, [redacted] it to the estate, he usually drives a DeSoto sedan, either a 1941 or 1942 model. He advised that the only time he drives the children is on the weekend, when he is requested to conduct them from the city residence to the estate to spend the weekend. Usually on Saturday morning he is notified to drive down from the estate to pick up the children and leaves with them from the city residence between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m., returning to the estate via the Henry Hudson Parkway. [redacted] always uses the Parkway in travelling between the city residence and the estate. On Sundays the children are usually driven from the estate back to the city residence by Mr. NELSON ROCKEFELLER himself. Occasionally [redacted] will drive the children back.

[redacted] advised that the children are all of school age, and the oldest boy, 15 years of age, attends the Riverdale School, while the others attend private schools in New York City. He does not drive the children to school during the week as they are transported to and from their respective schools by school busses. The children have a playroom in the city apartment and when they go outdoors, they are accompanied by a governess, who takes them to Central Park to play.

[redacted] advised that the cars are garaged at Tarrytown within the estate and at New York City in a garage owned by the ROCKEFELLERS and located at 129 West 55th Street between Sixth and Seventh Avenues.

[redacted] further stated that he had been told by the doorman of the 810 Fifth Avenue apartment house that one of the ROCKEFELLER maids had told him that on Sunday, November 11th, a telephone call had been received at the apartment and when she answered the telephone she could hear someone saying "stop me". She waited a few minutes and when she heard nothing, she was about to summon the superintendent on the house when a man's voice cut in on the telephone and said, "stop here, then you call the police. You'll be next". She then [redacted] the maid resigned the next day.

[redacted] advised of another incident which happened at the estate some time previous. A colored girl at the estate in an automobile and requested permission to look over the estate. The gatekeeper questioned her and at [redacted]

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Nov. 26, 1945

called [redacted] the superintendent, and reported the incident to him. [redacted] advised the gateman not to call Mr. ROCKEFELLER at this time but to refuse to allow the colored girl to enter the estate. At that time the colored girl was reported to have said, "Well, Mr. ROCKEFELLER allows all the Jews to drive through the estate. Why can't I?" She then drove off. b7c

[redacted] was questioned closely as to any other suspicious circumstances he might have noted in the past several weeks but stated that nothing unusual had happened and said he would be on the alert and would notify this office of any unusual incidents. b7

It is noted that the Ford driven by [redacted] at the time of the incident on the Parkway was not usually driven by him. He never takes the children to Tarrytown in that automobile as they are usually driven up in the DeSoto and when they return with their father on Sundays, he drives a Lincoln Zephyr. It is noted further that [redacted] stated that Mrs. ROCKEFELLER's car, a Ford driven by him at the time of this incident, is well-known in New York City as Mrs. ROCKEFELLER drives it around town constantly.

[redacted] listed the ROCKEFELLERS' cars as three DeSoto sedans, 1941 and 1942 models, one maroon Ford roadster, and one maroon Lincoln Zephyr. The Lincoln Zephyr is Mr. ROCKEFELLER's personal car and somewhat resembles Mrs. ROCKEFELLER's Ford automobile. Except at close view, it might be mistaken for the Ford. b7c

Mr. ROCKEFELLER has not called to advise me of the name of the maid who reportedly received the telephone call at the ROCKEFELLER apartment. I called him on November 20th and learned that he was out of the city and will not return until December 3rd, 1945. I did not discuss the matter with his secretary inasmuch as he advised that he would prefer to handle the matter personally.

This office will take no further action in this matter until Mr. ROCKEFELLER furnishes the name of the maid. At that time arrangements will be made to interview the maid should it be deemed appropriate and the incident of the colored girl at the gate of the Tarrytown estate will also be discussed with Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Should it be deemed desirable, the gatekeeper of the estate will be interviewed later.

In connection with recommendations as to possible safeguards, the only suggestion which we might make to Mr. ROCKEFELLER is to fingerprint the children. It is suggested that we could tell Mr. ROCKEFELLER that it would be satisfactory for him to retain the prints himself in his own files.


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Letter to Director

Nov. 26, 1945

The Bureau will be advised of any further developments in this matter.

Very truly yours,


E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge

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November 29, 1945

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Respectfully,

Attachment

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THIS MEMORANDUM IS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES
AND IS NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. E. A. Tamm
 FROM : Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
 SUBJECT : NELSON ROCKEFELLER

Call: 12:30

12/12/45

Mr. Conroy, SAC at New York, called at the above time to advise that Nelson Rockefeller called him this morning and at that time Conroy advised him agents had interviewed his chauffeur and the matter did not appear as bad as it had been originally thought it would be. Mr. Conroy asked for the name and address of the maid who had worked in the house so that she might be interviewed. Mr. Rockefeller stated his wife had this but had lost same before he left town. Mr. Conroy suggested the information could be obtained through the employment agency and Mr. Rockefeller said he would check and then advise Conroy.

Mr. Rockefeller advised that during his absence from the city, Mrs. Rockefeller had received a letter from an individual indicating he wanted some help and \$4500 and that he would call about it. This individual called but they were not there to receive any calls.

Mr. Conroy advised Rockefeller he would have an agent go to his office, get the letter and that same should be placed in an envelope and not handled any more. Mr. Rockefeller advised that Mrs. Rockefeller, his secretary and himself had handled the letter. Mr. Conroy informed Mr. Rockefeller they would like to have the fingerprints of those who handled the letter to eliminate them and Mr. Rockefeller is to call Mr. Conroy to make an appointment for this purpose. Mr. Rockefeller will also notify the New York Office in the event any further letters are received.

Mr. Conroy advised the letter was postmarked November 27, 1945, and read as follows: "Dear Mrs. Rockefeller: I have take the opportunity and privilege of writing this letter to you because I know that your kind generosity has aided many troubled people. I am at the moment financially embarrassed and because my life has been threatened if I do not deliver \$4500 by the end of this month I can only look to you for my only helpfulness. This matter has not been mentioned to my parents because I do not wish to worry them or involve them in any way. I will do anything to help repay for this unusual request to the best of my ability. Due to my age, 18, I did not realize the danger of indulging in such kind of a betting venture. I would appreciate ever so much if you could help me out in any way. I will call you at night over the telephone November 28. Very truly yours, [redacted] is my first name."

Mr. Conroy stated they will get photographs of the letter, in Rockefeller's office initialed the envelope and there are other letters probably by Mrs. Rockefeller. Mr. Conroy advised when the agent gets prints and more details tomorrow, they will transmit the letter to the

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Laboratory

Date 12-20 1945

TO: Single Fingerprint Section

Case Number D 46524

No latent fingerprints developed _____

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Silver nitrate prints on Q1 & Q2

_____ Identiscope negatives attached hereto

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report would be submitted*

E. P. Coffey
Assistant Director
Laboratory

Per: [Signature]

Room: 507

10-29-81

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
Att: FBI Laboratory
FROM : SAC, New York

DATE: December 14, 1945

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
NELSON ROCKEFELLER - Informant
POSSIBLE KIDNAPPING THREAT

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There is transmitted herewith an original envelope addressed to Mrs. NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, 810 5th Avenue, New York City, and the original letter to Mrs. ROCKEFELLER that was contained in the above envelope. There is also transmitted herewith one set of photographic copies of these articles. The original envelope is identified by the initials "N.A.R." on the face and the initials "N.B.", dated December 11, 1945 on the reverse side. It is contained in a cellophane envelope marked "Q1 NY 7-484". The original letter is also marked with the initials "N.A.R." and enclosed in a cellophane envelope marked "Q2 NY 7-484".

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Information has been furnished to the effect that this letter was handled by [redacted] Mrs. MARY C. ROCKEFELLER and Mr. NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER. The fingerprints of these three persons are transmitted herewith as an enclosure for elimination purposes.

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The Bureau is requested to process the envelope and letter for the development of latent fingerprints. The Bureau is further requested to compare the writing in the letter with the anonymous letters in the Extortion File and also compare it with the writing of known extortionists that the Bureau might have on file.

In the event that latent fingerprints are developed and favorable for comparison after the fingerprints of the above persons have been eliminated, it is requested that the latents developed be compared with fingerprints of known extortionists. ~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~

(initials)

In the body of the letter it is indicated that the writer is eighteen years of age. From the contents, phraseology and writing of the sentences contained in the original letter it may be possible for the Bureau to make some comments as to the age, nationality, mentality, etc. of the writer. Such comments would be invited. The original letter may be retained at the Bureau and the New York office has been provided with copies of it. The letter should be preserved but any further examination that may be of assistance to this investigation should be conducted at the Bureau. It is requested that this matter be handled expeditiously and that the New York office be immediately advised of the results of the examinations.

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Mr. Conrad	7142	[REDACTED]	7635
Mr. Downing	7601	[REDACTED]	7644
Mr. Hanratty	7326	[REDACTED]	7344
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Sgt. [Signature]

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EX - 2 John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; NELSON ROCKEFELLER - INFORMANT
POSSIBLE KIDNAPPING THREAT
Bureau file #42-72612

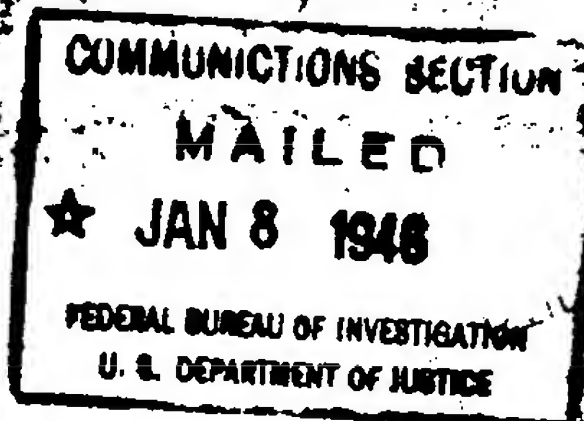
Reference is made to your letter of December 14, 1945, transmitting an extortion letter and the envelope in which it was mailed for examination, together with the fingerprints of Nelson A. Rockefeller, Mary G. Rockefeller and [REDACTED] for elimination purposes, in connection with the above-captioned case, your file #7-524.

You are advised that the envelope and the letter, designated specimens Q 1 and Q 2, respectively, have been examined in the Single Fingerprint Section and five fragmentary latent fingerprints of value were developed, two on specimen Q 1 and three on Q 2. Upon comparison, one of the impressions developed on specimen Q 1 has been eliminated, inasmuch as it has been identified with the right ring fingerprint of Nelson A. Rockefeller.

A separate report is being submitted relative to the laboratory examination conducted.

This report confirms and supplements the Bureau's wire of December 26, 1945.

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Mr. Tolson _____
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Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
NELSON ROCKWELLER - Informant
POSSIBLE THREAT

File # 62-72612-49 ✓
Lab. # 2-45824 BT

Examination requested by: New York (7-604)

Date of reference communication: Nov 13-14-45

Date received: 12-20-45 JS

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of Examination:

Examination by: KYL

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Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 A plain white envelope addressed to "Mrs Helen A. Rockefeller 680 E Ave N. Y. C." postmarked "LONG ISLAND CITY, N.Y. NOV 27, 1945".
- Q2 Accompanying letter beginning "Dear Miss Rockefeller, I have taken...." and ending on reverse side "As my first name".

(Also submitted 3 Fingerprint cards)

elimination fpts for Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, Mary C. Rockefeller. &

examined Q1-2: -

2 fragmentary latent fpts on Q1

3 " " " on Q2

compared with elimination fpts submitted & Sp. det.

& 1 latent on Q1 with #4 N. A. Rockefeller.

fpts. to Tech for search 12/27/45

no record located in Tech for elim. fpts 1-2

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

DECEMBER 26, 1945

Transmit the following message to:

SAC, NEW YORK

URGENT FOURTEENTH INSTANT, BUREAU, NELSON ROCKEFELLER, INFORMANT, POSSIBLE
KIDNAPPING VICTIM. NINE LATENT FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED, TWO ON ENVELOPE, THREE
ON LETTER. ONE LATENT ON ENVELOPE ELIMINATED IDENTIFIED AS NOT BEING FINGERPRINT
NELSON ROCKEFELLER.

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Received Messenger Room
12/26/45 6:30 P.M.
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Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD *[Signature]*
 FROM : J. C. Strickland
 SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
 NELSON ROCKEFELLER, Informant
 POSSIBLE KIDNAPPING THREAT

DATE: January 21, 1946

Call: 2:35 PM
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 JCS:DA

[List of names with checkmarks]
 Mr. Tolson
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ASAC Belmont of the New York Office called at the above time and advised that the captioned matter was presented to the United States Attorney and he said there was no case inasmuch as it was probably the work of a "crank". Mr. Belmont stated that the only thing they were waiting on so that Mr. Conroy wind it up with Mr. Rockefeller, was the report on the fingerprint examination. Belmont advised that the report from the Laboratory was received on December 21, 1945, showing the examination of the evidence and stated that a separate report would be submitted on the results of the fingerprint examination.

Belmont asked that we endeavor to expedite the submission of the report containing the results of the fingerprint examination and I advised that I would check into this matter.

[Handwritten note:]
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Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. W. J. Tracy

DATE: January 23, 1946

FROM : Mr. E. E. Delaney

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
NELSON ROCKEFELLER, INFORMANT
POSSIBLE KIDNAPING THREAT
Bureau file #62-72612

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Miss Gandy

Reference is made to the attached memorandum from Supervisor J. C. Strickland to Assistant Director D. W. Ladd relative to the non-receipt by the New York Field Division of the report on the latent fingerprint examination made in connection with the above-entitled case.

You are advised that the report in question was furnished to the New York Field Division by teletype dated December 26, 1945, within several hours after the case was recorded in the Single Fingerprint Section. This teletype was confirmed by letter dated January 7, 1946, a copy of which is attached for your information.

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SAC, New York

January 7, 1946

John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; NELSON ROCKEFELLER - INFORMANT
POSSIBLE KIDNAPPING THREAT
Bureau file #62-72612

Reference is made to your letter of December 14, 1945, transmitting an extortion letter and the envelope in which it was mailed for examination, together with the fingerprints of Nelson A. Rockefeller, Mary C. Rockefeller and [REDACTED] for elimination purposes, in connection with the above-entitled case, your file #7-484. b2✓

You are advised that the envelope and the letter, designated specimens Q 1 and Q 2, respectively, have been examined in the Single Fingerprint Section and five fragmentary latent fingerprints of value were developed, two on specimen Q 1 and three on Q 2. Upon comparison, one of the impressions developed on specimen Q 1 has been eliminated, inasmuch as it has been identified with the right ring fingerprint of Nelson A. Rockefeller.

A separate report is being submitted relative to the laboratory examination conducted.

This report confirms and supplements the Bureau's wire of December 26, 1945.

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

NY FILE NO. 7-45

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 1/31/46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/14-18, 20, 21/45; 12/11, 13, 14, 21/45; 1/2/46	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; MRS. NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION KIDNAPPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED]

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File No. 62-72612.
New York letter to Bureau, 12/14/45.

Previous correspondence on this case has been captioned
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Mr. A. Rockefeller

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DETAILS: Investigation in this case is predicated on a phone call received on November 13, 1945 by Special Agent in Charge E. E. CONROY from Mr. E. A. TAMM, Assistant to the Director, at the Bureau, advising that Mr. NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER had called the Director about a situation over which he was concerned.

Mr. TAMM suggested that Mr. CONROY contact Mr. ROCKEFELLER at his offices, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, Radio City, New York.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER on November 15, 1945 was contacted by Mr. CONROY and he related the following:

Mr. ROCKEFELLER advised that within the last few days they have had two incidents take place which might or might not be connected with each other and which reflected a possible kidnapping threat.

He stated that the ROCKEFELLERS live at 810 5th Avenue and have five children between the ages of about five and fourteen.

The chauffeur who drives the children was stopped on November 8, 1945 at 7.20 p.m. on the Henry Hudson Highway by two men in an automobile having no license plates on it. One of these men asked the chauffeur, [REDACTED] whether it was the ROCKEFELLERS' car. The chauffeur denied this and stated that the car belonged to him and that his name was SMITH. Apparently the chauffeur had talked to a New York City policeman, who said he had seen this car with no license plates but apparently he had taken no action. b7c

The other incident related by Mr. ROCKEFELLER was in connection with a maid, name unknown, who was called to the telephone within the last three or four days and heard bantering back and forth over the telephone which sounded like a radio program having to do with police and the fact that police had been called into a case. A short time later she was supposed to have received a telephone call from some person who said, "You can see what happens when you call the police." The maid became extremely nervous after this call and left her position.

On the morning of November 16, 1945 the chauffeur, [REDACTED] who resides at the ROCKEFELLER estate "Pocantico", Tarrytown, New York, was interviewed at the New York Office by Assistant Special Agent in Charge A.H. BELMONT and Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. b7c

[REDACTED] stated he has been employed since September, 1945 as a chauffeur for Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Prior to that time he was employed as a gardener on the ROCKEFELLER estate for the past three years and before that was employed by [REDACTED] whom he described as being the president of the West Virginia Paper Pulp Company. He was employed by [REDACTED] for a number of years. b7c

[redacted] advised that on November 8, 1945 at about 7.30 p.m. he was returning via the Henry Hudson Parkway to the ROCKEFELLER estate at Tarrytown in Mrs. ROCKEFELLER's personal car, a maroon Ford roadster. He left the ROCKEFELLER's city apartment and proceeded to the Parkway via the 72nd Street entrance. After passing beneath the George Washington Bridge, he was halted at a stoplight just north of the Cloisters. As the traffic began to move with the change of the light, a car containing three men approached along the left side of his car.

The individual in the front seat with the driver spoke to [redacted] saying "Hey, bud, whose car is that?" The resulting conversation was as follows:

Unknown party: Well, whose car is it?

Chauffeur: Mine.

Unknown party: Looks like the ROCKEFELLER car.

Chauffeur: No, it's mine.

At this point the individual turned a flashlight into [redacted] face. At the same time [redacted] stated, "My name is SMITH and if you want anything, I can prove it."

Unknown party: Well, it looks like the ROCKEFELLER car. OK.

The unknown car then drove away.

According to [redacted] this car did not have a license but appeared to him to be a 1940 Buick, possibly dark green in color, with two outstanding tail lights down on the bumper. The car contained three men, the driver and the individual who did the talking in the front seat, and another man in the rear seat. [redacted] was unable to describe any of the three men as it was dark, but stated that the man's voice was without accent, he spoke in a normal tone, and the voice was not of the type that would create any suspicion of a "rough character."

[redacted] stated that he was alone in the car at the time and was bareheaded as his chauffeur's cap was in the back seat. The incident occurred just south of the Dyckman Street exit on the Parkway.

[redacted] attempted to follow the car and noted that it turned from the Parkway into the Dyckman Street exit. [redacted] proceeded in the same direction to the intersection of Dyckman and Broadway, where he observed a patrolman. He questioned the patrolman regarding any observation on his part of an automobile without licenses. The patrolman stated that he has

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frequently observed unlicensed cars in the vicinity but attributed this to the fact that there were automobile dealers in the neighborhood who followed the practice of driving without tags. The patrolman further advised him that he did not notice a car without a license plate at this particular time, and therefore it appears that he did not notice the car driven by the unknown individuals.

Although [redacted] at the time of this incident was driving Mrs. ROCKEFELLER's personal car at her request, returning it to the estate, he usually drives a DeSoto sedan, either a 1941 or 1942 model. He advised that the only time he drives the children is on the weekend, when he is requested to conduct them from the city residence to the estate to spend the weekend. Usually on Saturday morning he is notified to drive down from the estate to pick up the children and leaves with them from the city residence between 9.30 and 10 a.m., returning to the estate via the Henry Hudson Parkway. [redacted] always uses the Parkway in travelling between the city residence and the estate. On Sundays the children are usually driven from the estate back to the city residence by Mr. NELSON ROCKEFELLER himself. Occasionally [redacted] will drive the children back.

[redacted] advised that the children are all of school age, and the oldest boy, 13 years of age, attends the Riverdale School, while the others attend private schools in New York City. He does not drive the children to school during the week as they are transported to and from their respective schools by school busses. The children have a playroom in the city apartment and when they go outdoors, they are accompanied by a governess who takes them into Central Park to play.

[redacted] advised that the cars are garaged at Tarrytown within the estate and at New York City in a garage owned by the ROCKEFELLERS and located at 129 West 55th Street between Sixth and Seventh Avenues.

[redacted] was questioned closely as to any other suspicious circumstances he might have noted in the past several weeks but stated that nothing unusual had happened and said he would be on the alert and would notify this office of any unusual incidents.

It is noted that the Ford driven by [redacted] at the time of the incident on the Parkway was not usually driven by him. He never takes the children to Tarrytown in that automobile as they are usually driven up in the DeSoto and when they return with their father on Sundays, he drives a Lincoln Zephyr. It is noted further that [redacted] stated that Mrs. ROCKEFELLER's car, a Ford driven by him at the time of this incident, is well-known in New York City as Mrs. ROCKEFELLER drives it around town constantly.

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[redacted] listed the ROCKEFELLERs' cars as three DeSoto sedans, 1941 and 1942 models, one maroon Ford roadster, and one maroon Lincoln Zephyr. The Lincoln Zephyr is Mr. ROCKEFELLER's personal car and somewhat resembles Mrs. ROCKEFELLER's Ford automobile. Except at close view, it might be mistaken for the Ford.

Subsequently, on December 11, 1945 Mr. ROCKEFELLER was contacted by Mr. CONROY and he advised that, during his absence from the city, Mrs. ROCKEFELLER had received a letter from an individual indicating he wanted to get some help and wanted \$4,500. and that he would call about it, and that he had been threatened himself. Mr. ROCKEFELLER said the individual called as he said he would in his letter about three or four times but this was around November 28th and that they were not there to receive the call.

The letter was obtained by reporting agent on December 11, 1945. It was photographed and then submitted to the FBI Laboratory by letter dated December 14, 1945.

The address of [redacted] was obtained from Mrs. ROCKEFELLER. She was interviewed regarding the phone call and also for any information she might have as to the identity of "FRANK", who is the signer of the letter. The letter will be set out later in this report.

[redacted] or [redacted] was interviewed at the New York Field Office on December 14, 1945 by Special Agent [redacted] and the writer. She is the waitress who received the mysterious telephone call at the ROCKEFELLER residence on November 11, 1945. She advised that she had been employed at the ROCKEFELLER household, 810 Fifth Avenue, New York City from November 1, 1945 to November 12, 1945 and that early in the last week of her employment there, she had informed Mrs. ROCKEFELLER that she intended to resign.

Regarding the phone call, [redacted] furnished the following information:

On November 11, 1945, a Sunday, at about 6.25 p.m., the telephone rang. It was on the telephone number RE 4-4757 which is listed in the Manhattan telephone directory. The voice was a woman's voice saying: "Help, I ---- can't stand it. I ---- want to report...", a scream, "is ---- is this a police station?" A voice in the background said "I would not dare if I were you." The woman's voice appeared choking and the sound of a body falling was heard. The woman's voice said: "Stop. I can't stand it." There was a guttural sound as one being choked. [redacted] stated

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that the receiver on the caller's end of the phone appeared to be off so that she could hear the above. She, herself, was highly upset and then hung up. Her cook was in the kitchen at the time, and [redacted] said to her a murder had been committed and asked whether she should report it. The cook told her not to. About four minutes later, [redacted] related, the phone rang again and a man's voice said: "If I were you, I would forget about the incident, because you may be next." [redacted] said she was highly upset and after the phone calls, she had everybody in the household all upset so that they all locked themselves in their rooms at night. She then hurriedly departed from the ROCKEFELLER apartment the next morning. She stated that she was really scared and acted crazy because she was so upset.

In regard to the phone call, [redacted] advised that the caller did not inquire if she were speaking to the ROCKEFELLER residence, that she [redacted], the receiver of the call, in no way indicated that it was the ROCKEFELLER residence, and that at the time she received the call she really believed it was intended for the police station in the neighborhood at the telephone number RH 4-3756, and that now on reflection she is certain that the phone call was not intended for the ROCKEFELLER residence. In regard to the second phone call that she received four minutes later, Mrs. ROCKEFELLER advised her that it would be very easy for a person who had placed a previous call with the receiver off the hook to request the telephone operator to ring the number to which they were connected and in that way they could get the ROCKEFELLER residence a second time without dialing the number.

Regarding the voices on the telephone, [redacted] stated that the voice of the man sounded very educated, was very mannish and had no accent. Regarding the woman's voice, she said it was very hard to describe it as it was very hysterical.

In regard to the ROCKEFELLER household, [redacted] advised that they have nine in help, including the chauffeur, and that there is a continual turnover of help. She stated in confidence that she believed the trouble with the household is the fact that Mrs. ROCKEFELLER personally tries to run the whole household when it could be better handled by her hiring a housekeeper who would be in charge of all the help. She stated that Mrs. ROCKEFELLER uses nearly all of the employment agencies in New York City to obtain help and besides the one BERTA CARLSON, 782 Lexington Avenue, New York City, through which [redacted] was employed, she uses NEILSEN & SEABURY, 132 East 61st Street, New York City.

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Mrs. NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER advised that the letter which was postmarked November 27, 1945 had been handled by her secretary, [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and herself.
The fingerprints of these three individuals have been obtained and have been forwarded to the Bureau. Mrs. ROCKEFELLER furnished the name of the waitress [REDACTED] as the receiver of the phone call on November 11, 1945 and also furnished her home address, which has been set out above.

Regarding the phone call received on November 28, 1945 and which was reportedly made by the signer of the letter received on November 27, 1945, Mrs. ROCKEFELLER advised that she was not able to determine from the receiver of the call in her household whether the call was made from a local station or whether it was a long distance call.

In regard to questioning members of her household regarding the phone call mentioned directly above, Mrs. ROCKEFELLER stated that she would strenuously oppose any interrogation of the members of her household because the phone call received on November 11, 1945 had so upset her entire household that they were in a highly nervous condition, that they had just settled down to their normal condition and that any questioning of them would bring them back to their former nervous state.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER was also interviewed regarding the phone calls of November 11th and 28th and also regarding the letter of November 27, 1945. He stated that he could offer no information which would be of assistance in this regard since he was out of town when the letter of November 27th and the phone call of November 28th were received.

[REDACTED] Secretary to Mrs. ROCKEFELLER, could offer b7c
no information of assistance to this investigation.

Mrs. ROCKEFELLER stated that all the members of her family were fingerprinted by the Coast Guard Station that covers their summer home in Maine. This was done in order that the members of the family might use their boats for pleasure cruising.

The above information was furnished to the Bureau by phone call of December 13, 1945 and the Bureau advised that the only fingerprints they were able to locate of the ROCKEFELLER family was one set for NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER submitted in 1941. This individual was born in 1908 at Bar Harbor, Maine and appeared to be the NELSON ROCKEFELLER mentioned in this report.

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A current edition of "Who's Who" lists the following members of the ROCKEFELLER family:

Mr. NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Wife: MARY TODHUNTER CLARK ROCKEFELLER

Children: ROEMAN, ANN, STEVEN, MICHAEL and MARY

The envelope which is postmarked "Long Island City, November 27, 6.30 p.m." and addressed to Mrs. NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, 810 5th Avenue, New York City, has been initialed with the initials of Mrs. ROCKEFELLER. This has been submitted to the FBI Laboratory. The letter, itself, which was contained in the above envelope is set out as follows:


"Dear Mrs Rockafeller,

"I have take the opportunity and privilege of writing this letter to you because I know that your kind generosity has aided many troubled people. I am at the moment financially embarrassed, and because my life has been threatened if I do not deliver \$4500 dollars by the end of this month I can only look to you for my only helpfulness. This matter has not been mentioned to my parents because I do not wish to worry them or involve them in any way I will do anything to help repay for this unwise request to the best of my ability. Due to my age, 18, I did not realise the dangers of indulging in such kind of betting venture. I would appreciate ever so much if you could help me out in anyway. I will call you at night over the telephone Nov 28.

Very Truly Yours

FRANK is my first name."

The initials "EAR" have been placed by Mrs. ROCKEFELLER on the reverse side of the letter.



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A subsequent report from the Laboratory dated January 7, 1946 advised that the Single Fingerprint Section of the Laboratory had examined the five fragmentary latent fingerprints and upon comparison one of these was eliminated inasmuch as it had been identified as the right ring finger of NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER.

On January 2, 1946 Assistant United States Attorney CHARLES WAGNER, JR. of the Southern District of New York was contacted regarding the contents of the extortion letter in this case. Mr. WAGNER reviewed the contents of the letter and advised that there is no basis for federal prosecution from the information contained in the letter and that in his opinion it was very likely the work of a crank.

The description of Mrs. NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER as obtained from observation is as follows:

Name	MARY TODHUNTER CLARK ROCKEFELLER
Age	35
Citizenship	United States
Height	6' 1"
Weight	110 lbs.
Hair	Dark
Build	Slender
Features	Large
Glasses	Wears tortoise shell glasses

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